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Our Theme

Every **C**hallenge **S**trengthens **U**s

Life comes at us with challenges that take on many forms. They are everyday annoyances like waiting in traffic. They are drastic upheavals concerning the loss of a loved one. Some are easy to deal with; they can be flung aside like used dish rags, never to be thought of again. Others linger and become permanent fixtures of ourselves.

During the moment of any challenge, we often think, "How am I going to get through this? Can I come out on top?" But while we wonder how to overcome the challenge, do we ever think, "How will this change me? What can I learn from this?"

Whether we win every challenge that comes our way, or admit defeat--even if we don't want to--we must come away with a sense of accomplishment. Every negative and positive experience fits into our lives like puzzles pieces, continuously creating a picture of what we are and where we have been. Learning from challenges is the foundation of wisdom that we keep with ourselves and pass on to others.

Welcome every challenge, and let every one strengthen you.

- *Elizabeth City State University*

Message from the Chancellor
Willie James Gilchrist, Ed.D

Congratulations to our graduating classes!

As an alumnus of Elizabeth City State University (ECSU), I am proud to report that over 16,000 graduates have received an excellent education from this institution. ECSU will continue to serve the educational needs of a demographically diverse student body.

As you go through the stages of your life, this yearbook will remind you of the wonderful years spent at ECSU. As you glance at each page, I hope that you are reminded of the friendships developed and that you will forever cherish those faculty and staff that helped to shape your future.

You are charged to go forward and be successful. This university has equipped you with the tools needed to approach each challenge as an opportunity to grow; to break new ground; to exhibit Viking confidence!

Remember to keep in touch with your alma mater. We depend on YOU to keep the Viking spirit alive!

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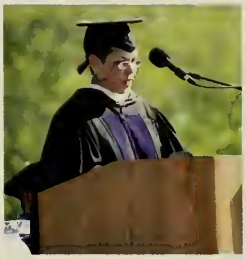

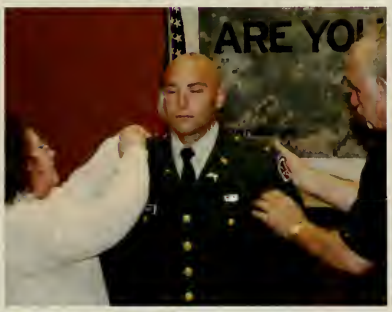
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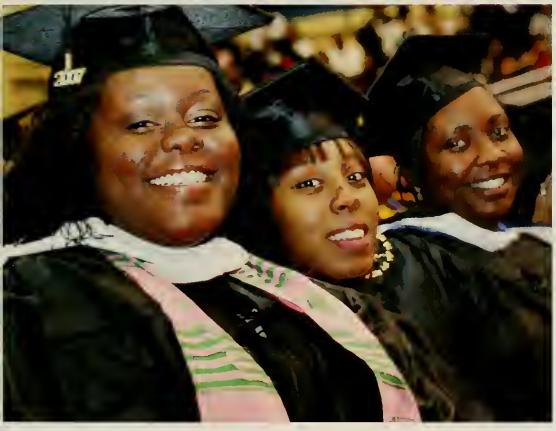

Congratulations, Seniors!

Class of 2008

Some of you spent your college years here at ECSU.

Some of you came from different universities.

Whereever you came from, whatever you studied (or however long it took), you finished a wonderful chapter of your life at this university.

When someone asks you where you studied, hold your head up high and say,
"Elizabeth City State University."

You helped make ECSU what it's today.
You define ECSU.
Viking Pride.

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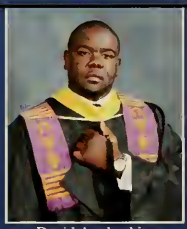
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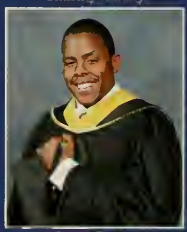
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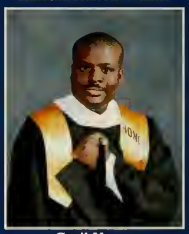
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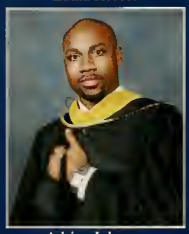
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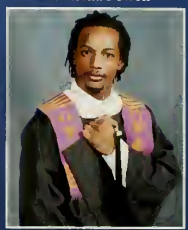
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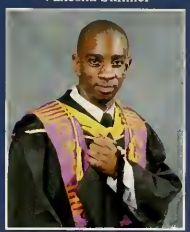
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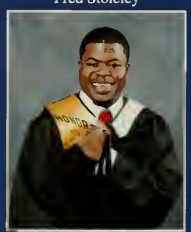
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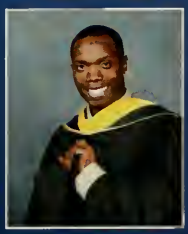
Robert Winston

Shakara Wray

Brandon Yancey

GOOD LUCK GRADS!

MAKE US PROUD!

2008

Underclassmen

Only a matter of time
until graduation...

Student Government

JUNIOR CLASS

President
Finda Songor

Vice President
Ashley Brabham

Secretary
Monica Washington

Treasurer
Talia McGhie

Mr. Junior
Bryce Carmichael

Miss Junior
Demetra Pennix

Advisor
Mr. Anzell Harrell

SOPHOMORE CLASS

President
Shantel Fields

Vice President
Myra Russell

Secretary
Jennifer Fobbs

Treasurer
Synea Williams

Mr. Sophomore
Jeremy Whidbee

Miss Sophomore
Ashley Cole

Advisor
Ms. Willa Lamb

FRESHMAN CLASS

President
Keeshonna Williams

Vice President
Danielle Davis

Mr. Freshman
Brandon Cummings

Miss Freshman
MyAsia Reid

Advisor
Ms. Mary S. Berry

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Juniors

Burton, Dominique
Carter, Steven
Collins, Meldon
Edmonds, Anthony
Gatling Jr., Wardell

Giddens, Latizzia
Green, Stephen
Hailey, Anthony
Hartofield, Christopher
Holloman, Aminitta

Lee, Robert
Perkins, Julius E.
Robinson, Jamal A.
Sam IV, Wallace
Taylor, Ronald

ONE MORE YEAR TO GO...

KEEP IT UP!

2010

Sophomores

Armstrong, Jody
Bazemore, Bernard
Chasten, Faith
Howard, Damika
James, Roland

Jones, Niya
Nelson, Nina Nicole
Rivers, Clyde
Robinson, Lionel R.
Vontoure, Michael

SO CLOSE TO GRADUATING

(TRUST US, TIME WILL FLY!)

2 of 1

Freshmen

Adams, Antoine
Church, Damion
Deloatch, April
Downing, Jamel
Fennes, Derrick

Hardy, Stephen
Harrison, Roger
Hudson, Marion
Johnson, Jamel
Johnson, Maria

Jones, William Jameson
Morring, Dalan
Palin, Polara
Patterson, Kennisha
Peele, Dexter

Scott, Tiffany
Simmons II, Lucius
Stevenson, Eric
Thomas, Wyatt
Watford, Leticia

JUST STARTING OUT...
DON'T GIVE UP NOW!

Viking Events

Check out what went down...

Martin Luther King, Jr. March

January 2007

The Tom Joyner Foundation

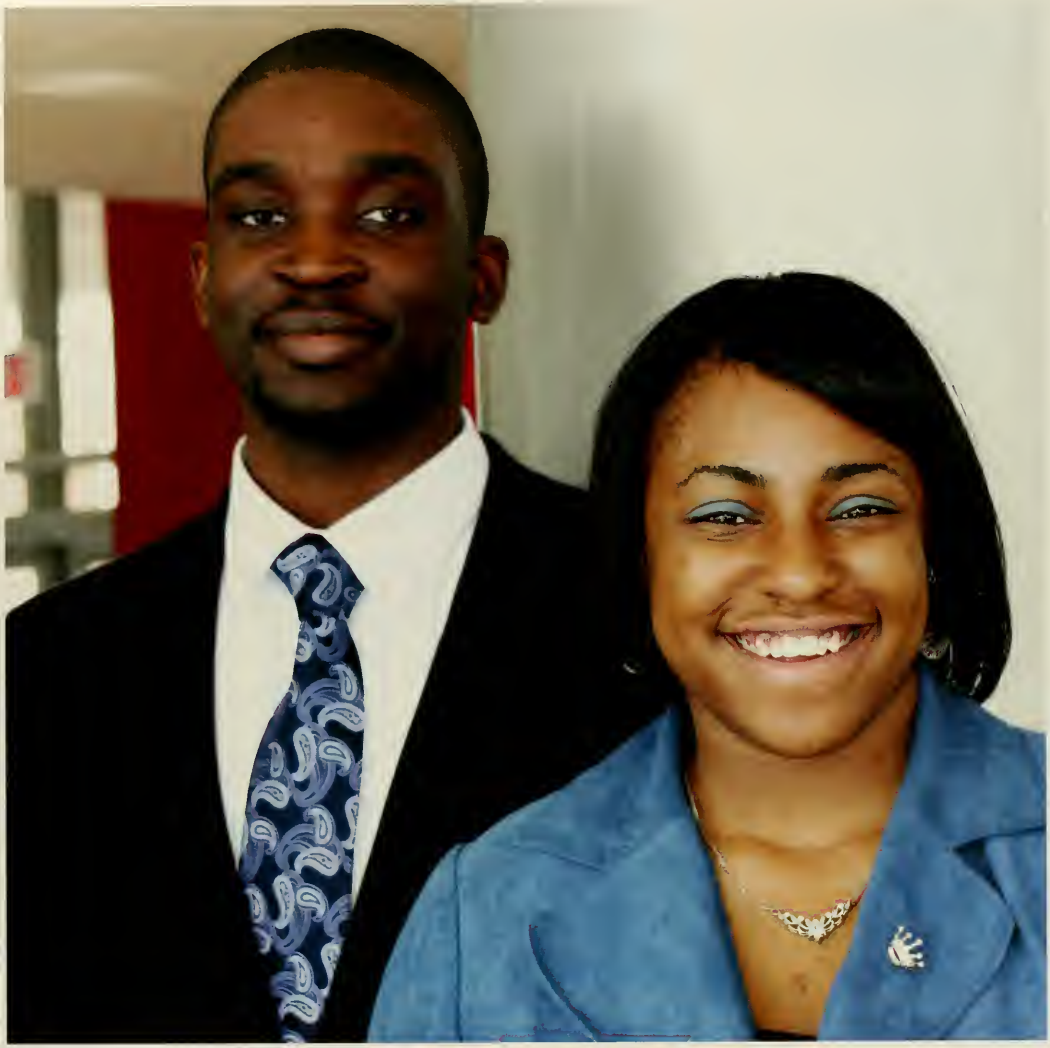
Every year, thousands of students enter college... only to drop out, usually due to financial issues. Hundreds of organizations exist solely to help students stay in college. **The Tom Joyner Foundation** is one of those organizations.

Since its creation in 1988, the Tom Joyner Foundation, named after its creator, has set out to help students in historically black colleges and universities continue their education. Every month, it spotlights a HBCU and donates money directly to the institution. In turn, the institution awards the money to deserving students in the form of scholarships.

In February 2008, Elizabeth City State University became the **Tom Joyner Foundation HBCU of the Month**.

What does this means, besides our students getting scholarships and the chance to continue their education? It means being recognized by a prominent philanthropist, someone who is genuinely interested in us--and the futures of our students and ECSU itself. In a selfish, frightening world, it's reassuring to know that people still care about others.

Thank you, Mr. Joyner, for your selflessness and Viking Pride!



Tom Joyner Campaign Scholarship winners Charles Welch and Domonique Burton.

Tom Joyner Foundation Scholarship Winners:

Domonique Burton, Chaquita Brown, Saysha Grizzle, Cindy Hayes, Christopher Hill, Torrey Nowell, Tosha Overton, Tammy Smith, Bryan Spence, Sharon Walton, Charles Welch, and Andre Williams

Founder's Day '07

117 Years of Educational Excellence

Founder's Day '08

Continuing Viking Tradition

Chancellor's Installation

"We have the integrity and fortitude to bring in the programs that will prepare students for a workforce that demands certain characteristics and efficiencies to be successful. That's important."

-- Chancellor Willie J. Gilchrist

UNC President Erskine Bowles

Hundreds arrived at ECSU on September 25, 2007, to witness ECSU history as the university received Dr. Willie James Gilchrist as its ninth chief executive officer. Prior to this appointment, Dr. Gilchrist served as interim chancellor of ECSU from September 1, 2006.

Appointed as chancellor on March 15, 2007, the induction ceremony did not take place until September 25th. While seemingly random (and so far away from March), the date has special meaning for Dr. Gilchrist: it is his late mother's birthdate. What better date for this momentous occasion?

Dr. Gilchrist has led a rich and varied academic life, which began at none other than Elizabeth City State University. After receiving an undergraduate degree in health and physical education from the university in 1973, he went on to earn a master's in administration from Brockport State University in New York (1975), and a doctorate of education in administration from Nova Southeastern University in Florida (1998).

As a post-graduate, Dr. Gilchrist spent many years in the public school system, first as a teacher and counselor in New York, then returning to Halifax County, North Carolina to climb the ranks from assistant principal to superintendent.

Dr. Gilchrist had also served on the UNC Board of Governors, becoming the chair of the Board's Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs; the Task Force on Teacher Supply and Demand; among other committees that enriched the North Carolina university network.

Having started out at ECSU and 35 years later becoming its chancellor, it feels as though Dr. Gilchrist has come full circle. We are honored to have him with us, and hope that he leads the university to a bright and successful future.

Congratulations, Chancellor Gilchrist!

September 25, 2007

Homecoming 2007

Miss ECSU Coronation

University Royalty 2007

Parade

CELLENCE BEGINS HERE IN THE
MATHEMATIC SCIENCE & TEC OGY

ECSU ALUMNI B D VIKING PRIDE

ECSU HOMECO
GRAND MA
r. Bishop N. P

AL EDUCATOR AS DEC MAKER

ECSU HOMECOMING
GRAND MARSHAL
r. Bishop N. Patters

Football Game

Viking Sports

LIGHTNING STRIKES AGAIN...

WE ARE ON FIRE...

ECSU Viking Athletes

The best athletes

in the world

VIKING PRIDE!!

Down East Viking Football Classic 2007

September 19 - 22, 2007

Thousands of football fans raced to Rocky Mount, North Carolina to witness the 10th annual Down East Viking Football Classic. This time, the Mighty Vikings would be butting helmets with the Shaw University Bears.

Before the excitement, fans of both teams participated in events including a pool party, alumni mixers, a golf challenge, step show, tailgating competitions, shopping sprees, and superb live entertainment.

The Bears took home the glory, rolling past the Vikings 20-17. But we have the next DEVFC to look forward to!

Final score
10th Annual DEVFC

Vikings	Bears
17	**20**

GO VIKINGS!

GO VIKINGS!

WE GOT THE SPIRIT...

37th Annual Whitney Young Classic

September 15, 2007

The Mighty Vikings once again faced the North Carolina Central University (NCCU) Eagles at the Meadowlands Giants Stadium, in a rematch of 2006's CIAA Championship game where the Eagles won 17-14 on a last second field goal.

The Eagles led much of the action, using more defensive tactics as the game progressed. While the Vikings lost this one, we have the next Whitney Young Classic to declare victory.

Final score

Vikings	Eagles
18	**20**

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ECSU
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NCCU
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ECSU
NCCU
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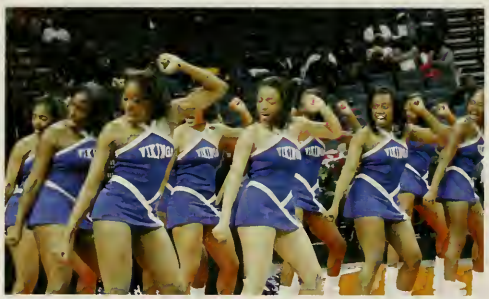
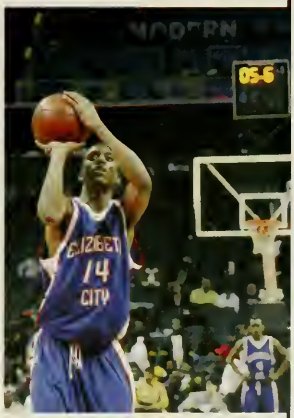
CIAA 2007



Shootin' Hoops, Smashin' Glass

TEARIN' UP THE COURT VIKING STYLE!



Baseball

VIKING BASEBALL...
A PERFECT MATCH FOR APPLE PIE

Softball

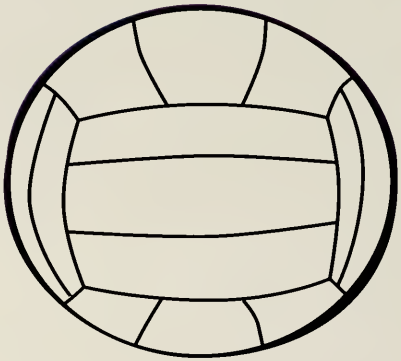
VIKING SOFTBALL

OUR LADY VIKINGS
MAKE IT FUN.

Volleyball

GO TEAM

2007-2008
CIAA EASTERN
DIVISION CHAMPIONS



Cheerleaders

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Clubs & Organizations

Looks good on a resume...

We have a lot to choose from...

American Chemical Society
Association for Computing Machinery
B.E. Scholars
Beta Sigma Delta, Inc.
Biology Association
Commuter Club
Concerned Black Awareness Council
Criminal Justice
ECSU Technology Club
ECSU University Choir
Essence of Praise Gospel Choir
Library Club
Mass Media Club
Math Club
Music Industry Studies Club
NAACP
National Association of Black Accountants
New Generation Campus Ministries
NewPennDel
Pep Squad
Pre-Alumni Club
Sigma Beta Delta
Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE)
Social Workers Association
University Players
Vike Nu Fashion Troop
Vikings Assisting New Students

... anything look cool?

Alpha Kappa Alpha

Founded 1908

Alpha Phi Alpha

Founded December 4, 1906

Delta Sigma Theta

Founded January 13, 1913

Eta Gamma Pi

Founded 2004

Phi Beta Sigma

Founded January 9, 1914

Omega Psi Phi

Founded January 17, 1911

Psi Chi National Society

Tuba Phi Tuba

Kuumba Arts Society

Aviation Science Club

Psychology Club

Student Activities

Student North Carolina Association of Educators

Poetz Mindz

That's it for this yearbook!

To all the Vikings who made this an awesome year, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts and hope that you keep life interesting for everyone.

Once again, good luck to our graduating Vikings. Best luck to you in all your endeavours, and have pride in representing ECSU!

See you next time...

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The Alma Mater Song

To thee, dear Alma Mater; a tribute song we sing
Of thy true worth to all of us
Oh, may we honor bring

(Chorus)
Hail to thy lovely halls
ECSU
We'll hear when duty calls
ECSU
Faithful and ever true,
We'll be to you
For in our hearts we'll still love thee
ECSU

So no we'll joint together
For thee, O state to work
Let none of us be faint at heart
Nor any duty shirk